

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who have retired from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Albany R-III School District lost a valuable member of its faculty on May 25, 2007, with the retirement of Barbara E. Smith who devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Barbara Smith taught for twenty-five years at Albany R-III, where she was held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrated considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Barbara Smith taught in the South Harrison County R-II School District for five years and the Martinsville School District for one year prior to assuming her responsibilities at Albany R-III, where she taught kindergarten for five years before becoming a second grade teacher; and

Whereas, Barbara Smith watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, the recipient of an Accelerated Reading Grant, Barbara Smith supported her profession as a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association and the Community Teachers Association, of which she served as Secretary; and

Whereas, Barbara Smith has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Robert Smith; and three children, Robb and his wife, Susan, Mikala, and Linsey;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Albany R-III School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Barbara Smith rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Barbara E. Smith, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative James O. Guest
District No. 5

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker